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# Make Plans To Meet In Watford City For Wild West Weekend!

Submitted by **Jessie Veeder Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director**

The McKenzie County Cowboy Association is hosting the 2023 North Dakota Rodeo Association Finals on Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23 indoors at the new McKenzie County Ag Expo, Watford City, ND. With three rounds of rodeo, a western art and vendor show, a Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Kids Cowboy Bootcamp, mechanical bull riding and two nights of rodeo dancing, there will be fun for the entire family to enjoy!

The Western Art and Vendor show kicks off the weekend on Friday, Sept. 22 from 6-8 p.m. in the Ag Expo Exhibit Hall. Shop over 20 western artists and vendors specializing in western themes and gear from across the region. Explore large and small scale paintings, glass, leather, wood-working, hats, ropes, boots, boutique clothing, jewelry and more.

Right across the hall the first round of the NDRA Rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m. featuring the state's best cowboys and cowgirls competing in bronc and bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, calf roping, barrel racing, bull riding and more. The High School Cowboys Wild Horse Race in memory of Coy Hepper is

a must see at all three rodeos. Make sure you bring the kids for the boot race!

After the rodeo, Western Montana's retro classic country band, "Sam Platts and the Plainsmen," will be set up at the dance floor in the exhibit hall both Friday and Saturday night. The band has been regular performers at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, NV, and specialize in familiar western dance music and country standards. Sit and listen, take a swing around the dance floor or try your skills on the mechanical bull. A cash bar and concessions will be available both evenings.

On Saturday grab your breakfast at the Ag Expo at the Flannels and Flapjack Cowboy Breakfast benefiting a local charity. Contestants will be available at the breakfast for meet and greet and autograph signing.

The Western Art and Vendor show continues in the exhibition hall on Saturday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. with art demonstrations and classes scheduled throughout the day. Bring your kids to the Cowboy Bootcamp and Canteen where they can learn how to dress like a cowboy, saddle a horse, ride the bucking bull, rope and shop for cowboy essentials throughout the day. Then gear up for the next round of rodeo action



Photo submitted

at 1 p.m.

The Long X Arts Foundation will be offering a free cowboy kid craft throughout the day and hosts the Cowboy Poetry Gathering at 2 p.m. on the stage in the exhibit hall. Featured entertainers include North Dakota Poet Laureate, Denise Lajimodiere and four National Cowboy Poetry Gathering regulars: singer/songwriter, Sam Platts, Montana based troubadour DW

Groethe, Medora cowboy poet Jonathan Odermann and local musician, Jessie Veeder. The event, which will wrap up with area powwow dancers, will feature stories, music and poetry that captures the life, humor and tribulations of working cowboys and cowgirls in the region.

The final round of rodeo will kick off at 7 p.m. in the indoor arena where the champion cowboys and

cowgirls will be determined with the rodeo dance and mechanical bull riding to follow.

Tickets to the rodeo are \$20 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Kids 11 and under are free. The Western Art and Vendor Show and Cowboy Poetry Gathering are free thanks in part to a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts and the Long X Arts Foundation.

Interested rodeo sponsors should contact Eva Hepper at 701-898-9801 or hepperranch@gmail.com. Western Art Show and Cowboy Poetry sponsors contact the Long X Arts Foundation at 701-770-8659 or email longxart@gmail.com.

To find out more about the rodeo, performers, artists and vendors, community specials and schedule visit [www.wildwestweekend.com](http://www.wildwestweekend.com).

## Savage Homecoming



Savage held their homecoming Sept. 15, Savage seniors, Cade Tombre and Brooke Reuter were crowned Homecoming King & Queen. (Photo by Toni Zieske)

## R&L Homecoming



R&L held their homecoming in Lambert Sept. 15. Lambert Homecoming Queen Brie Mullin, and Homecoming King Sage Spinner. (Photo by Keira Rains)



Pictured is Richey Schools homecoming King Ryan Eggert and Queen Kiera Strohm. (Photo by Janet Fatzinger)

## Johnson Hardware & Furniture To Have Customer Appreciation Event In Sept. 23

Submitted by **Jaymi Mozeak**

Johnson Hardware and Furniture will be having a Customer Appreciation event on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Kyle and Emily Medearis have owned the stores for 1 1/2 years and have put a lot of effort into updating the exterior and interiors. With the updates mostly done, they are holding this event for all to come in and see the changes. They would like to thank the community of Sidney for their support, patience, and patronage.

Doors open at 8 a.m., Saturday morning. There will be cake and coffee available and the first 100 customers will receive a free Johnson Hardware and Furniture 5-gallon bucket. There will be a furniture and decor dot sale where red dots mean 50% off, yellow dots mean 20% off, and green dots mean 10% off. The Eagle Booster Club and Cheer Club will be doing a bake sale in the parking lot between the hardware and furniture stores. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. there will be freewill donation hot dogs. The proceeds will go to the Larry Lynde benefit. Miss Montana Volunteer contestants will be

there to apply glitter tattoos for the kids. There will also be a bubble machine and a kid's table with gourd painting. Several prizes will be up for grabs like a Milwaukee pack out cooler, Lone Mountain five-gallon drink cooler, an Ashley Sierra sleep mattress, a \$300 Whirlpool credit, a Sealy mattress, Ganz wall shelf, Vortex optic & tripod kit, Malouf convolution pillows, \$250 La-Z-Boy credit towards a recliner, a \$200 credit towards an Ashley recliner, three gallons of Ben Moore paint, four gallons of Valspar paint, and two \$50 gift cards. Registration for the giveaways ends at 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, after which the drawing for prizes will broadcast live on the Johnson Hardware and Furniture Facebook page. Contestants do not have to be present to win. Most of the fun ends Saturday but the furniture sales continue through Sunday.

The Medearis' have been working with several organizations to put this on and they are excited to involve them in the celebration. They are bringing their entire family for the event. Johnson Hardware and Furniture, Sidney, will

be open Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Emily said, "We're organizing this event to show appreciation for the

community's support. We look forward to seeing everyone!" Make sure to register for the door prizes!



The Medearis family. (Photo submitted)

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**Sidney:** Tues. & Fri., 11:30 a.m., 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077

**Savage:** Thurs., 12 p.m., 178 E Main St., 406-776-9980

**Lambert:** Tues., 12 p.m., Fox Lake Sr. Center, 406-774-3439

**Activities/Cards**

**Fairview: Men/Cards,** Mon.-Fri. daily at 12:30 p.m.;

**Women's Cards:** Wed. at 12:30 p.m.; 217 5th St. West, 406-742-5050

**Sidney:** Cards Thurs., 1 p.m.; 813 3rd St. NE, 406-433-8077

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**MONDAYS:**

**12 p.m. —** AA Monday Noon Group, Matthew House Office, 416 2nd St. NW, Sidney, MT.

**1 p.m. - 3 p.m. —** Grief Reovery Support group, First Lutheran Church music room, Watford City.

**7 p.m. —** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

**8 p.m.—** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**TUESDAYS:**

**7 p.m. —** AA Welcome Home Group, Sunny's Family Restaurant, 102 E. Main St.,Sidney, MT, Central Avenue Entrance.

**7 p.m. —** 24-hour Women's AA group meeting, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**7 p.m. —** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**7 p.m. —** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

**THURSDAYS:**

**7 p.m. —** Live Free Narcotics Anonymous, Church of God., 814 6th St. NE, Sidney, MT.

**7 p.m. —** Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Church, 316 4th Ave. NE, Watford City, ND.

**8 p.m. —** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride. Hotline/Info 701-609-8663.

**FRIDAYS:**

**6:30 - p.m.-** 5 Stones - Faith Based Recovery meeting, Sidney First Church of the Nazarene, 606 9th St. SW Back door is open.

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**STATISTICS**

**LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT**

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Current Elevation.....1840.7

Last Week's Elev. ....1841.3

One Year Ago .....1835.3

Release For Day (C.F.S.) .....22,000

**SIDNEY WEATHER DATA**

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept. 11	76	42	0.000
Sept. 12	78	44	0.000
Sept. 13	81	49	0.000
Sept. 14	77	52	0.000
Sept. 15	73	41	0.000
Sept. 16	82	36	0.000
Sept. 17	90	43	0.000
Total 2023 YTD Precipitation			10.014

# OBITUARIES

## Deborah “Debi” Kay Fox, 72, Sidney, MT

Celebration of life services will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at MonDak Heritage Center 1:30-4 p.m. Light refreshment and appetizers will be served. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the MonDak Heritage Center.

Deborah “Debi” Kay Fox

## Sasha Rae Melissa Hugg, 35, Sutton, ND formerly of Keene, ND

Funeral Services for Sasha Rae Melissa Hugg, 35, Sutton, ND formerly of Keene, ND, were held Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, Keene, ND with Pastor Peder Stenslie officiating. A luncheon followed the service at the family farm for a time of fellowship and sharing. The visitation was held Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 from 3-5 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Keene, ND. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Watford City, ND, assisted the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures were shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com). Sasha Rae Hugg, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at her home in Sutton, ND.

## Carrie V. Fischer, 90 Fairview, MT

Memorial services for Carrie V. Fischer, 90, Fairview, MT, are at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, MT, with Pastor Tim O'Shields officiating. Inurnment will be in the Cherry Creek Cemetery, Richland County, MT. Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Sidney, MT, is assisting the family. Remembrances, condolences, and pictures may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Carrie V. Fischer

Carrie Virginia Fischer was born Dec. 22, 1932 in Fairview, MT, the daughter of John and Martha McGinnis. Her family lived in the Sioux Pass area before moving to Crane. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1951. On July 2, 1951, she married Ben Campbell in Fort Eustis, VA, where Ben was stationed in the U.S. Army. In 1956 they moved to California and their last move was to Sidney on New Year's Eve in 1968 to purchase the family farm. To this union, four children were born: Dale, Kathleen (Kathy), James (Jim), and Cindy. In August 1977, Carrie married Leo Fischer in Sheridan, WY. They lived south of Fairview where she operated a small business for years, known as Fischer's Pet Shop. Time off was spent camping and fishing with friends and family on weekends and holidays during the "good" weather months. When Leo passed away in 2016, she began spending the winter months in Arizona and sometimes coming back to the Fairview area for the summer months. She volunteered at the Good Cents Store and made many new friends, along with seeing a lot of old acquaintances. Carrie passed away in her home on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, after a lengthy illness. Surviving her are two children and their spouses, Kathy (Terry), Fairview, MT, and Jim (Shelly), Shepherd, MT; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters Joy Buxbaum, Sharon Gerding, and Bev (Ray) Pust. Carrie is preceded in death by her parents, John and Martha; son Dale; daughter Cindy; grandson Darren; brothers Leo and Tom; and sister Ellen.

# Letter To The Editor

## Protecting The Unborn

With the Dobbs opinion from the US Supreme Court the abortion debate has been returned to the individual states. While there are many different viewpoints on abortion, one view is held by a supermajority of the public, that abortion should not be wide-open up until or after birth. (news.gallup.com July 7, 2023) Throughout the 2023 Legislative session, your Montana House Republicans used common sense and biologically sound principles to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us, unborn babies. Building on the historic progress from the 2021 session, Republicans continue to advance pro-life legislation that will make a lasting difference in Montana. House Bill 575 bans the abortion of a viable unborn baby unless necessary to save the life of the mother. House Bill 862 prohibits taxpayer funding of elective abortions. Montana taxpayers should not be forced to fund procedures with which they morally disagree. This is currently law in 33 other states; and it is a victory for Montana to pass a law to protect the freedom of conscience of our taxpayers, in line with the majority of other states. Also, this session Senate Bill 154 was passed and signed into law, which clarifies that the right to privacy in Montana's constitution does not include a right to an abortion. Our Montana constitution Art. II Section 10 states "the right of individual privacy is essential to the well-being of a free society" (underline added). Biology and modern medicine have made it abundantly clear that a baby in the womb has its own DNA, fingerprints, and heartbeat - therefore abortion is not an individual act. Prior to birth, babies have a right to individual privacy protection too. House Republicans this session worked to ensure all Montana kids, from unborn babies to teenagers have opportunities to safely reach their full potential. Speaker Matt Regier, Majority Leader Sue Vintonm Pro Temp Rhonda Knudsen

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**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT.

**Wed., Sept. 20**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. **42nd Annual Quilt & Needlework Show** - Through Oct. 7. - **JK Ralston Exhibition “Art & Signs of the Times”** - Through Oct. 7. - MonDak Heritage Center, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. For more info, 406-433-3500, or [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).  
3-5 p.m. - **Casa Abierta Open House Fairview** - Everyone welcome. Cake & refreshments. MT Migrant Council 35511 CR 134, Fairview, MT.

**Thurs., Sept. 21**  
11:30 a.m. - **Richland Red Hatters Lunch Meeting** - Gulliver's. RSVP by Sept. 20, call Paula, 406-489-2843 or Margaret, 406-489-1535.

**Sat., Sept. 23 (Every Sat. through Oct. 14)**  
**7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Richland County Farmers Market** - Richland Co. Courthouse parking lot, corner of 2nd St. NW & 2nd Ave. NW.  
**Sat., Sept. 23**  
10 a.m. - **Sunrise Women's Clinic Family Walk For Life** - 1 mile/5K Run/Walk, \$30 entry fee; \$100 family of 4 or more. Team of 4 to Conquer the Course \$150. Veterans Memorial Park. For more info call 406-433-7772 or visit Sunrise Womens Clinic Facebook page.

**Thursday, Sept. 28**  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Salad & Sandwich Lunch** - Free will offering. Grab & go or eat in. Delivery available call 406-433-3707. Peoples Congregational Church, 405 10th Ave. SW. Proceeds benefit the Church Endowment Fund.

**Sat., Sept. 30**  
5:30 p.m. - **Battle of the Bands** - Listen to Aurora Fallen; Pan Blanco; Reaction Jacket; Mountain Country; Killin Smallz; . Richland County Event Center. Tickets at the Sidney Chamber or online for \$35, 15 & under \$15.

**Sun., Oct. 1**  
11 a.m. - **Doubledogs End of Summer Anniversary Fundraiser** - Disc golf tournament, snacks & drinks provided. \$5 entry fee for each event or \$10 for all 3. Richland Park, 35352 Co. RD 128. All proceeds go to Helping Hands Foundation for Savage Public Schools.

**Sat., Oct. 7**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Sewing Guild Community Service Day - The goal is to sew 80-100 pillowcases for those in need in the community. All sewers & quilters invited, materials & supplies will be provided, just bring your sewing machine. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave. SE.  
5-9 p.m. - **Fall Into The Past A Retro Night Out** - Music & entertainment throughout the evening, food, silent & live auctions, jar prize drawing, quilt raffle drawing. Decade Dress-Up, Photo Op Corner. \$5 entrance fee. Sidney Elks Lodge. For more info call 406-480-0669. Proceeds benefit Emmaus House Ministries & Vision of Hope: Autism Scholarships.

6 p.m. - **Live Pro Wrestling Richland Redemption** - Richland County Event Center. For more info or to purchase tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com>

**McKENZIE COUNTY**

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Thurs., Sept. 21** - (Every Thurs. through Sept. 28)  
5:30-7:30 p.m. - **Watford Market** - Kent Pelton Nature Park, 501 7th St. SE. For more info visit Watford Market Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/watfordmarketnd>.

**Thurs., Sept. 21**  
4-7:30 p.m. - **East Fairview Elementary School Open House** - Come see the new Junior High & Kitchen. 301 2nd St., East Fairview, ND.

5 p.m. - **Wildlife Management Program Rules and Proficiency Class** – Rules & proficiency class for archery hunters. McKenzie Co. Sportsman's Club, 2306 121X Ave NW. Call Watford City Police Dept., 701-444–2400 to register.

**Fri., Sept. 22, 6 p.m. & Sat., Sept. 23, 11 a.m.**  
**Long X Arts Foundation Western Art Show & Cowboy Poetry Gathering** - NDRA rodeo, band & community dance, art classes & demos. McKenzie County Ag Expo, 12880 25th St NW. For more info visit [longxarts.com](http://longxarts.com) or call 701-770-8659.

**Thurs., Sept. 28**  
5-8 p.m. - **Long X Arts Foundation Watford City Concert Series Kickoff Phat Cat Swinger** - 5 p.m. Family friendly supper. 6 p.m. Concert starts, a West Coast 11-piece "Little Big Band" that specializes in high-energy music. Watford City High School Theater. Purchase a \$50 membership or individual tickets, Adult \$30; Youth \$10; 5 & under free. For more info call 701-770-8659.

**Fri., Sept. 29**  
5:30 p.m. - **Pioneer Gifts & Books & Long X Arts Foundation Community Read** - Author talk & signing. "While The Windmill Watched" by Jackie Pfeiffer McGregor & Janine Pfeiffer Knop. Long X Art Gallery, 100 2nd Ave. SW.

**WILLIAMS COUNTY**

Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT.

**Sat., Sept. 23**  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Main Street Market** - Hedderich's lot downtown Williston.

**Sat., Sept. 23**  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. - **Williston Kids First Extreme Machines** - Free family fun & free pizza. See "Extreme Machines" from local services: military, earth movers, truck, tractors, excavators, police, fire, rescue, SWAT, cranes, combines, graders, harvesters, plows, man lifts, skid loaders, all-terrain & more. Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, 519 53rd St E.  
Noon-5 p.m. - **Basin Kruzers Fall Round Up Car & Bike Show** - Cars & bikes, music, food trucks, bar, contests. Cutting Field, 14th W. 4th St.

**Sat., Sept. 23 & Sun., Sept. 24**  
Noon-5 p.m. each day - **Grand Treasure Casino Harvest Days Trenton ND - Sept. 23:** Kids Day 18 & under (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult) Free lunch & root beer floats, games: 12 & under; 13-18 years old. - **Sept. 24:** Adult Day: free lunch, classic car show, free bingo. 2 miles W. of Trenton.

**Sat., Sept. 30**  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Clean Williston** - Meet at Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. East. For more info or to register visit <http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston>. In case of inclement weather the event will be Oct. 7, for more info check Williston social media & [www.cityofwilliston.com](http://www.cityofwilliston.com).

**Sat., Oct. 7**  
5:30 p.m. - **Hearts For Hospice** - New Armory, 10 Main St. \$30 ticket, to purchase visit [chihealthathome.info](http://chihealthathome.info) or call 701-774-7430. For more info contact [laura.wilson@commonspirit.org](mailto:laura.wilson@commonspirit.org).

**DAWSON COUNTY**

Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT

**Thurs., Sept. 21**  
6 p.m. - **Friends of the Library Brains & Brews Trivia** - Up to 4 people per team, entry fee \$10 or be your own team for \$3 per player. Cross Country Brewing.

**Sat., Sept. 23**  
10 a.m. - **National Public Lands Day Event** - Volunteer to help Makoshika State Park staff for a Public Lands cleanup day at Black Bridge Fishing Access Site. For more info visit Makoshika Facebook page.

**Fri, Sept. 29**  
8 p.m. - **Full moon hike** - Hike with the full moon light under the Makoshika night sky. This non-interpretive hike will be led by Makoshika State Park staff. For more info visit Makoshika Facebook page.



# Lavik, General Surgeon, To Join McKenzie Health

By Lynn Welker-Fevold, MMHC, ACHE, McKenzie Health Services Media Contact

Watford City—Dr. Gillian Lavik, general surgeon, will be joining our surgical team on Oct. 2! A native of Rugby, ND, Lavik has a deep appreciation for rural healthcare. She graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in 2010, completing pre-medical education at Macalester College in Minnesota. Her internship and residency were completed at Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY, an affili-

ate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. During her graduate year, Dr. Lavik served as chief resident. Among her background, she brings past research in safety on rural roads having presented to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma in 2014 - "Preventing Farm Equipment Related Injury on Our Roadways: Where are We Now?"

Her advanced skill sets include experience in surgical oncology, breast surgery, abdominal surgeries, and minimally invasive options for a wide range of procedures. About joining

McKenzie Health, Dr. Lavik said, "Healthcare in rural North Dakota is a passion of mine. I grew up in Rugby and supporting small hospitals is an area I love, where I can really give back. Watford City is such a welcoming environment, and I can't wait to meet more people!"

Lavik is married with three children. She and her family enjoy all that the outdoors has to offer – sailing, water sports, and hiking. In her free time, she also enjoys sewing and crafting. She and her husband are also remodeling a farmhouse.

Pete Edis, CEO, states,

"We are excited to add Dr. Lavik to our incredible team of surgeons! She is intuitive, personable, and extremely talented. Having her experience in-house will enhance what we are already able to offer to patients. Dr. Lavik's rural roots make her very relatable."

Appointments in the Specialty Clinic can be made by calling 701-444-8730. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lavik!



Dr. Gillian Lavik



## Hispanic Night at Watford Market

The Long X Arts Foundation, Watford Market and Watford City Parks & Recreation held Hispanic Night on Sept. 14 at the Kent Pelton Nature Park in Watford City. Pictured above are the Watford City area Folkloric Dancers. (Photo submitted)

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# Solberg Joins Butler Machinery As Chief Financial Officer

**Submitted by Chloe Reichel of Butler Machinery**

Butler Corporate Office Fargo, ND 1 September 5, 2023 Butler Machinery hired Travis Solberg as their new chief financial officer. Solberg most recently worked at Wanzek Construction, Inc., a subsidiary of MasTec. Solberg is a graduate of North Dakota State University and holds a CPA license in North Dakota.

Solberg is also the Landon's Light Foundation

President. The foundation was started to carry on the legacy of Solberg's son Landon who lost his battle to cancer.

"We are excited to welcome Travis to the Butler Machinery family. His impressive financial background, combined with his dedication to the community, aligns perfectly with our values. Travis's insights and expertise will undoubtedly contribute to our continued growth," said Twylah Blotsky, president.

Solberg's extensive background makes him an invaluable addition to the Butler Machinery team.

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Travis Solberg. (Photo submitted)

# Fairview Defeats Poplar 61-12

**Submitted**  
The Fairview Warrior football team played the Poplar Indians in a conference game Thursday, Sept. 14.

Fairview started the scoring early and often getting four touchdown passes from Jeff Tjelde in the first half, one to Deacon Gackle, 14 yards; Tyler Loan, 2 yards; and two to Brock Schlothauer, 22 yards and 14 yards. Loan scored on an interception return of 14 yards and added another passing touchdown before halftime to Gackle, 14 yards. Wyatt McPherson scored from 2 yards out bringing the halftime score to 45-0.

The second half started similarly as Loan hit Jaxon Vitt for a 57-yard touchdown strike and Gackle recorded a safety tackling the Poplar running back in the end-zone. Poplar scored twice against the JV unit. Troy Karst finished the scoring by returning the final kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown making the final score 61-12. The Warriors from Fairview ran 30 plays for



Brock Schlothauer carries the ball for Fairview to gain yards before being brought down by Poplar. (Photo by Keri McPherson Photography)

321 yards, 7 touchdowns and 1 two-point conversion while also scoring on an interception, a safety, and a kickoff return. They will face off against the second rated Circle Wildcats at the culmination of homecoming next week.

**Stats:**  
**Passing:** Jeff Tjelde 10-14 137 yards, 4 touchdowns; Tyler Loan 3-3 96 yards, 2 touchdowns  
**Rushing:** Wyatt McPherson 4-48 yards, 1 touchdown, 1 two-point; Brock Schlothauer 2-26;

Keegan Skogas 2-17  
**Receiving:** Deacon Gackle 5-89 2 touchdowns; Jaxon Vitt 2-76 1 touchdown; Brock Schlothauer 2-36 2 touchdowns; Tyler Loan 2-6 1 touchdown

# Sidney Travels to Hardin

The Sidney football team traveled to Hardin Sept. 15. The Eagles fell to the Bulldogs 34-33 in overtime. Pictured: Reece Graves breaks a tackle to score late in the game. (Photo submitted by Kaci Dean)



# Lunch Menus!

<b>Sidney School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Hot dogs (BBQ) (W), carrot sticks, potato chips, Capri Sun. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> No school. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> National quesadilla day, taco tots, peaches. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Biscuits & gravy, orange juice, hash browns. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Chef salad, breadsticks, pineapple. <b>Savage School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Grilled cheese, tomato soup. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> No school. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Chicken cordon bleu. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Chicken fried steaks. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Korean beef. <b>Rau School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Chicken strips, fries, corn. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> No school. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Calzones, salad, sweet carrots. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Tatar tot hotdish. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Lasagna bake. <b>Froid School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Goulash, bosco sticks, veggies, fruit, salad bar. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> Cooks choice. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Chicken pot pie, biscuits, cheese sticks, fruit, salad bar. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, taco bar, fruit, salad bar. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, buns, veggies, dessert, salad bar. <b>Bainville School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Tater tot hotdish, green beans, peaches, salad bar. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> Goulash, corn, pears, salad bar. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Super gems, carrot sticks, mangoes, salad bar. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Chicken tenders, baby bakers, tropical fruit, salad bar. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Chili, cornbread, tossed salad, peaches, salad bar. <b>Richey School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Hamburger green bean casserole, bread, carrots, fruit, salad bar. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> No school. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Enchilada casserole, corn on the cob, bars, fruit, salad bar. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Super nachos, veggies, fruit, salad bar. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Fajitas, veggies, brownies, fruit,	salad bar. <b>Culbertson School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> French dip, smiles, pudding. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> Sub sandwiches, cottage cheese, pears. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Super nachos, rice, mixed fruit. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Pulled pork sandwiches, corn, applesauce. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Hamburgers, sour cream & chive fries, peaches. <b>Lambert School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Goulash, corn, buns, fruit. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> Corn dogs, smiley fries, fruit. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Hamburgers, chips, fresh veggies, fruit. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Pizza, chips, fruit. <b>Fairview School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Sloppy joes, chips, veggie, fruit, fresh garden bar. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> Picnic style lunch (K-5) in cafeteria, Grab & Go (6-12) 12-12:30 p.m. only. School dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Homecoming. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Cheesy scalloped potatoes & ham, fruit, fresh garden bar. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Chicken burgers, French fries, fruit, fresh garden bar. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Beef pizza pasta, fruit, fresh garden bar. <b>Alexander School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Build your own sandwich, soup, fruit, vegetable bar. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> No school. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Chicken burgers or fish patties, fries, fruit, vegetable bar. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> Teriyaki or orange chicken, fried rice, egg rolls, fortune cookies, fruit, vegetable bar. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Build your own pizza, fruit, vegetable bar. <b>Watford City School</b> <b>Thurs., Sept. 21:</b> Tomato soup, grilled cheese, crackers, fruit, veggies, salad bar. <b>Fri., Sept. 22</b> Beef burritos, Spanish rice, fruit, veggies, salad bar. <b>Mon., Sept. 25:</b> Home style chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, fruit, veggies, salad bar. <b>Tues., Sept. 26:</b> BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, chips, fruit, veggies, salad bar. <b>Wed., Sept. 27:</b> Chili, cinnamon rolls, crackers, fruit, veggies, salad bar.
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## Fairview Lighting Of The Bridge, Silver Bells Craft Show Set For Nov. 18

**By Dianne Swanson**  
Kick off your holiday shopping at the Silver Bells Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fairview High School. Kids will be entertained by the Crafting Corner while you shop and enjoy some music. The show always fea-

tures the best in the area with a variety of crafters and vendors. A highlight will be the sale of the second ornament in the Jeremy Dean collection.

Spaces are available now with an Early Bird Discount of just \$35 through Sept. 30. Spaces will be \$40



## R&L Homecoming

R&L held their homecoming in Lambert Sept. 15. Left: Brie Mullin serving an ace to the MonDak Thunder. R&L lost 3 sets to 1. (Photo submitted by Lanett Hill) Above: Quaid Marshall pitching the ball off to Austin Lien against MonDak Thunder. R&L won 26-12. (Photo submitted by Lanett Hill)

## Savage Homecoming



Savage held their homecoming Sept. 15. Pictured: Zane Pilgeram rushes with the ball in the Warriors' homecoming game against the Jordan Mustangs. Savage beat the Mustangs 66-31.



Mya Jorgensen sets the ball for the Warriors in their homecoming game against Jordan. Savage won 3-1.



Savage Class of 1973 celebrated their 50 year reunion and joined in on the homecoming parade. (Photos by Toni Zieske)

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The book signing is the beginning of their third annual North Dakota book tour and in anticipation of the North Dakota film company Canticle Production's plans to make "While the Windmill Watched" its next film. According to their website, on Oct. 4, 2022, the Sisters were guests on Prairie Public's Main Street with Ashley Thornberg to talk about the movie. There will be snacks in the coffee bar to enjoy while the sisters share about their book and upcoming movie.

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## St. John's United Community Chili Cookoff & Tasting Fundraiser Sidney Oct. 7

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The tasting will be free for the public as long as they bring one hygiene product or an article of warm clothing.

The proceeds will go to the aging community who struggles during the winter months and holidays to properly provide for themselves.

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# Fairview Warriors Add Three Wins

By Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde

The Fairview Warriors added three wins to their overall record this week. When asked about their early season success, senior Savannah Manuel said, “Our drive has led us to our successes this season. Coming from Class C and not having a very good season last year made us determined to make a name for ourselves. I think that our grit is going to help us to continue to have a successful season.”

**Fairview Vs. MonDak**

In a non-conference match-up against the MonDak Thunder on Sept. 12, the Fairview Warriors took a commanding lead in set one with Kallee Hopes serving ten straight serves, and that lead continued the rest of sets one and two, 25-8 and 25-14. In set three, MonDak took the lead early, 1-5, but the Warriors bounced back, tying the game at 8-8. Carly Buxbaum served three in a row, bringing the score to 11-8. Lowes served two aces, giving MonDak hope for a run, but Fairview earned the side out with a score of 23-18. Emily Johnson sealed the win for the set and match with a kill, 25-18. Leading the Warriors in kills was Macy Tjelde with nine, Johnson with eight, Hopes with two, and Abby Berry, Carly Buxbaum, and Isabelle Fry each had one. Berry led the team with two blocks, while Savannah Manuel, Hopes, Johnson, and Tjelde each had one block. Fry, Johnson, and Hopes each served three aces. Hopes led the team with 18 assists and seven digs. Johnson and Tjelde followed with six digs, while Berry had four.

**Fairview Vs. Plentywood**

On Sept. 14, the Fairview Warriors squared up against the Plentywood Wildcats. The evening started with both teams wearing yellow ribbons to

raise awareness for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Grace McPherson beautifully singing the National Anthem. Set one began with several lead changes before Fairview had a late-game rally with a kill by Abby Berry, a block by Isabelle Fry, and another block by Kallee Hopes to take the score to 19-21. Plentywood missed the serve on game point, giving Fairview one more chance, but the Wildcats won the set 21-25. In set 2, Fairview got behind early, but Emily Johnson served seven in a row, earning two aces and helping the Warriors take the lead 9-6. Plentywood came back to tie the set at 11-11 and eventually took the lead 15-19. Fairview Warrior head coach Angie Hopes called a time-out with the score of 19-23. The Warriors came back strong from the time-out, scoring on a kill from Hopes, three strong serves from Macy Tjelde, and an ace from Berry. Fairview won the set 27-25. Sets 3 and 4 gave Plentywood (16-25) and Fairview (25-15) each one more win, tying the match to 2-2, so the teams had to go the distance in set 5. In set 5, Fairview started strong. An ace by Kambre Kloker made the lead 8-3, and Plentywood head coach called a time-out. Fairview blocking ended the game with a block from Johnson and Hopes to make the score 11-6 and blocks from Johnson scoring points 14 and 15 for Fairview. The final score was 15-8. Senior Abby Berry stated, “We try to encourage others and put a smile on each other’s faces. We really try to come together as a team, laughing and smiling,” when asked what it took to win set five after tough losses in sets one and three and a close score in set two. Johnson and Tjelde both ended the match with

ten kills. Hopes added six kills, Berry two, and Kloker added one. Hopes finished with 15 assists, and Kloker added 12 assists. Kloker and Tjelde each served three aces, while Berry and Johnson each served two. Johnson had two blocks, while Fry and Tjelde each had one. All Warriors completed digs: Hopes (10), Berry (9), Johnson (8), Kloker (7), Tjelde (5), Buxbaum (3), and Fry (2).

**Fairview Vs. Malta**

Fairview swept Malta in three sets on Sept. 15 (25-18, 26-24, and 25-16), improving their conference record to 2-1 (5-2 overall). After several lead exchanges in set 1, Emily Johnson fired up her team with an impressive kill, taking the score to 16-12. Malta came back 17-16, but a block from Johnson prevented the tie. Fairview came out strong after a time-out, with three aces from Kambre Kloker, a block, and then a kill from Macy Tjelde to end the set. Set two was a nail-biter as the scores were tied at 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Fairview finally ended the set 26-24 and led throughout set 3. The Warriors did a great job of keeping the ball in play. Kallee Hopes led the team with ten digs, Johnson had nine, Abby Berry had seven, Kloker and Tjelde each had six, and Carly Buxbaum had five. Kloker served up five aces and added ten assists. Hopes had 12 assists, and Isabelle Fry added two assists. Tjelde added 12 kills and three blocks. Johnson added eight kills for the night.

The Fairview Warriors celebrate Homecoming this week. The Warriors volleyball host the Poplar Indians in a Class B match-up on Friday, Sept. 22, and then the Warriors travel to Culbertson on Sept. 23.



Fairview Warriors in terrific coverage as Abby Berry attempts the kill vs Malta on Sept. 15. Visit [roundupweb.com](http://roundupweb.com) for more photos. (Photo by Brandy Spitzer-Tjelde)

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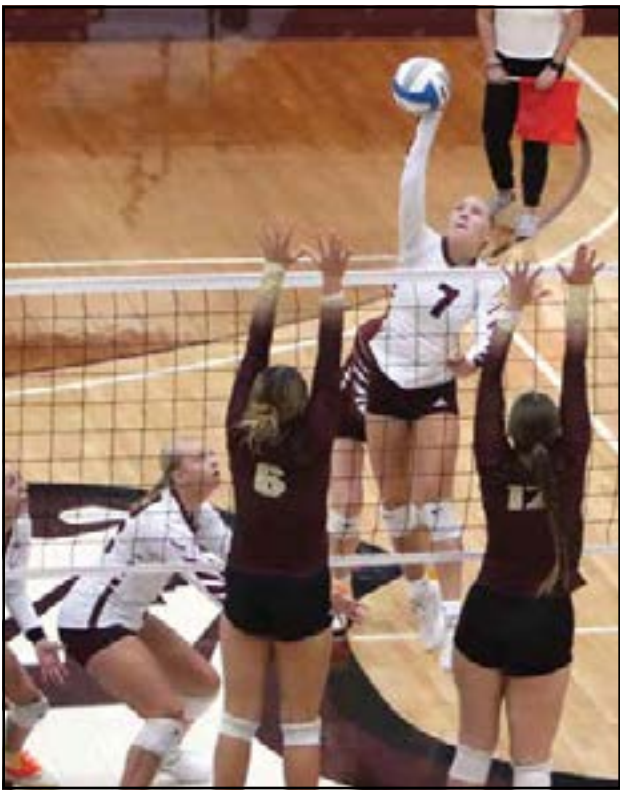
On Friday, Sept. 1, the Varsity and JV Eagles played at a golf meet in Glendive. Warming up are Rider Hansen, Seth Beyerle, Matt Savage, and Cayden Heck. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

**By Robyn Heck**  
The Sidney Country Club is proud to host both the Class A Divisional and State Golf Tournaments this year!  
The Class A Divisional Golf Tournament will take place Friday, Sept. 22. There will be a practice round on Thursday Sept. 21. Participating schools will be, Billings Central, Lockwood, Laurel, Fergus, East Helena, Park, Havre, Glendive, Miles City, Hardin, and Sidney.

Each school is allowed to bring five boys and five girls to compete, with one alternate.  
Head coach Ben Berg stated, "The season has gone well so far. Both the girls and boys' teams have shown improvement throughout the year, which is my goal. Hopefully we can keep trending that way and qualify both teams for the state tournament. It will be a difficult task as there are seven girls teams all usually

shooting within about 10-15 shots of each other. On the boys' side the top two or three teams have been at the top all year, and there are three teams who are fighting for that fourth qualifying spot."  
The state tournament will be played on Friday- Saturday, Sept. 29-30, with the practice round on Thursday, Sept. 28. State qualifiers are determined at divisional. The low four teams in the boys and girls qualify for state.

The low eight individuals and ties, not on one of the four teams, qualify individually.  
Sidney High School is looking for volunteers from the Sidney Country Club membership/customer base that are willing to help mark and keep score for the participants. If you are able to help at one or both of these tournaments, please call the Pro Shop to sign up at 406-433-1894.



## Lady Wolves Take on Magicians

Watford City's Amelia Wisness, #7, spikes the ball over two Minot blockers for a kill in Tuesday's game at the Rough Rider Center. The Lady Wolves fought hard but the Magicians came out with win, 19-25, 23-15, 21-25. (Photo by Kathy Taylor)



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Out Of The Darkness Walk



Many residents participated in the Out Of The Darkness Eastern Montana Walk for suicide prevention on Saturday, Sept. 16. Over \$24,000 was raised this year for the American Federation for Suicide Prevention. Pictured is “Team Blake” who walked in memory of Blake Lunderby at the AFSP walk for suicide prevention. (Photo by Robyn Heck)

2nd Annual Battle of the Bands Sept. 30, Sidney

Submitted by Kali Godfrey, Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Executive Director

The 2nd annual Battle of the Bands is set to hit Sidney Sept. 30, at the Richland County Event Center. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 online or through the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

The Battle of the Bands is hosted by the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce’s event committee including: Abbe Baisch, Jamie Larson, Lindsey Lawrence and Lynn Cole. The committee selected five bands from Montana and North Dakota to compete at this year’s event – all with a different genre specialty. The bands include: Reaction Jacket, Pan Blanco, Mountain Country Band, Aurora Fallen, and Killing Smallz. Each attendee receives one vote to put towards their favorite band.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the show kicking off at 6 p.m. Attendees of all ages are welcome and special ticket pricing is available to attendees 15 and younger. Judd Burman, will be emceeing Battle of the Bands. The Ranger Casino and Lounge will provide a full cash bar and hosting the after party featuring Mountain Country Band. Richland Ranger Youth Hockey will be providing concessions for the event.

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce thanks the generous sponsors who make this event possible: Blue Rock Products, Fink Dental, Beagle Properties, Richland Aviation, The Title Team, Stockman Bank, Union Gateway Agency, Hurley’s Enterprise, Missouri River Country, and Sidney Tourism Business Improvement District.

Heritage Day

The McKenzie County Heritage Park held their annual Heritage Day on Sept. 16. Pictured: Kids at the event have a great time digging for coins in the straw following the threshing demonstration.





**WATFORD CITY WOLVES**

**HOMECOMING**

**Tues - Fri, Sept 19-22**

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Thursday .....Girls Volleyball at home

Friday .....Coronation at 5:30pm

Home Football game at 7pm

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# Watford City Area Concert Series Kicks Off With Disneyland Resort Regulars, "Phat Cat Swinger"

Submitted by **Jessie Veeder Scofield**

Members of the Watford City Area Concert Association can look forward to the season opener of the 2023-2024 concert series Sept. 28, with a high energy concert for all ages. "Phat Cat Swinger" is a west coast 11-piece "little big band," that specializes in toe-tapping music with that classic Hollywood touch. They have been featured on the stages of The Disneyland Resort presenting re-imagined Dis-

ney songs and originals in their iconic sound. This will be a fun group for the whole family and will launch the new season with a special 5 p.m. family supper benefiting the Watford City High School theater program followed by a 6 p.m. show event for all ages.

"Phat Cat Swinger" re-imagines musical arrangements from timeless eras – ranging from Sinatra to Buble and everything in between. Phat Cat Swinger radiates style, class, and

charisma.

Led by founder Marco Palos and vocalist Mark Kopitzke, the team all plays off one another and the audience to create an authentic one-of-a-kind experience - one that blows the roof off the place! With rockstar energy, Phat Cat Swinger's music will have you swing dancing in the aisles.

The 2023-24 concert series is a membership-based organization that brings in nationally acclaimed entertainers throughout the year.

It is in its fifth season and continues to be committed to providing high quality entertainment at an affordable rate for members of the community.

While individual tickets are available to this event, a 2023-24 concert series membership is recommended to get affordable admission to the concerts throughout the year. A \$50 membership grants access to five Watford City based concerts as well as reciprocity with concert series lineups in Williston, Dickinson, Crosby and Hazen. There are a variety of membership levels to choose from. To find out more contact Jessie Scofield, Long X Arts Foundation Director at 701-770-8659 or [longxart@gmail.com](mailto:longxart@gmail.com) or visit [longxarts.com/concert-series.html](http://longxarts.com/concert-series.html)



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# Sidney Fall Festival Oct. 14

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the Sidney Fall Festival scheduled for Oct. 14. This event is a big community shindig with multiple community organizations hosting the fun. The festivities include:

The Main Street Car and Bike Show presented by the Richland County Sportsmen's Club features Judged categories and Non-Judged Showing Only categories. Your first judged entry is at a cost of \$35 and all following judged entries get in for \$15. Non-judged entries are displayed at a cost of \$10/vehicle.

Local businesses will be hosting a slew of activities downtown including the grand opening of Studio 20's new store front, which will feature mini colored hair extensions and a ribbon cutting. Other activities

span to Meraki's candle pour workshop, kids crafts at MT Bare Cave, recreational activities at High Caliber Sports, family photography mini sessions with Jordyn Melby Photography at the MERGE, walk-in pottery classes at the MonDak Heritage Center and live music sprinkled across downtown.

Several streets will be shut down for vendors, food trucks, a hay maze and pumpkin patch and live music.

The Sunrise Women's Clinic's Walk for Life – Conquer the Course will round off the afternoon with the 1 mile and 5k course starting at 3 p.m. Families, teams and individuals are encouraged to participate. Pre-register to guarantee a t-shirt on the Sidney Fall Festival website.

The MonDak Heritage Center will host MonDak

Mayhem Lanter Tours – some mystery with your history – from 3 to 8 p.m. The Mayhem Tours are living history events where attendees can meet characters of past and hear true stories of MonDak mayhem. Tours are scheduled in 20-minute blocks and tickets can be purchased on the Sidney Fall Festival website. Special rates apply to MonDak Heritage Center members and children!

Sidney High School's Speech and Drama Team will present a production of "Dracula" at the Sidney Middle School at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

Finally, the Cattle-ac will host the Sidney Fall Festival after party with live music from the local band, "the Relics."

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# Do I Need High Dose Flu Vaccine?

Stephanie Ler, RS, MPH Richland County Health Department Environmental Health Director

As we age, our immune system wanes, reducing our ability to fight infection and increasing our likelihood of being hospitalized for the respiratory flu. High dose flu vaccine helps folks 65 and older fight the flu, but what does "high dose" mean, and how do I know if I should get it?

The high dose flu vaccine contains a higher dose of the component that stimulates the immune system, called the antigen, than the standard or "regular" flu vaccine. According to the Mayo Clinic, high dose flu vaccines help prevent flu-related hospitalizations and complications better than the "regular" dose vaccines in people over age 65.

The "regular" dose of flu vaccine accomplishes the same goal as the high dose, but uses less antigen. This is because the immune system in an individual from 6 months to 64 years is generally working well enough to fight the flu with less assistance from the flu shot.

The high dose flu shot is only approved for those 65 years or older, so when you visit a clinic to get your flu shot, you may (politely) be asked your age to determine which vaccine you should receive. Those who are not yet 65 cannot receive the high dose vaccine. Those who are 65 can choose to receive the "regular" vaccine, though the high dose is recommended.

The Richland County Health Department will be holding its annual drive-thru mass flu shot clinic at the Richland County Fire Hall in Sidney on Thursday, Sept 28, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Drive-Thru Clinic will serve adults only, and offers both regular and high-dose flu shots. No other shots will be given during the clinic. No COVID-19 vaccine will be given. No appointment is needed. Flu shots cannot be given to those who have animals in their vehicles. Children may be in the vehicle, but may not receive flu shots. Private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid will be billed for those who bring their insurance cards. Follow traffic signs to enter the Fire Hall from the North side.

Flu shots are available for those 6 months and older at the Richland County Health Department during normal clinic hours by appointment, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday - Wednesday. Additional clinic hours are the second Wednesday until 6 p.m., and the third Thursday of the month, from 10 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. by appointment. Check the department Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment](http://www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment) for changes to regular clinic hours.

For further information or to inquire about group billing, contact the Richland County Health Department at 406-433-2207.

# Fall Clean Williston Event Sept. 30

Submitted by Mitch Melberg City of Williston Communications Director

Williston, ND - The City of Williston's fall Clean Williston event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Clean Williston will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, and this change will be announced on City of Williston social media and [www.cityofwilliston.com](http://www.cityofwilliston.com).

This year's fall event will be held at the Williston Public Works facility, 1121 5th St. East.

Clean Williston is held biannually in the spring and fall and continues a more than 20-year tradition of beautifying Williston.

Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's fall Clean Williston event can register online for one of 40 zones. Register online at <http://bit.ly/CleanWilliston>.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at Williston Public Works, 1121 5th St. East. In the south lot on the day of the event. Individuals who do not register for a zone in advance are welcome and will be assigned to a zone! Volunteers will receive a free Clean Williston t-shirt (limited quantities and sizing available) and a light breakfast. Public Works will

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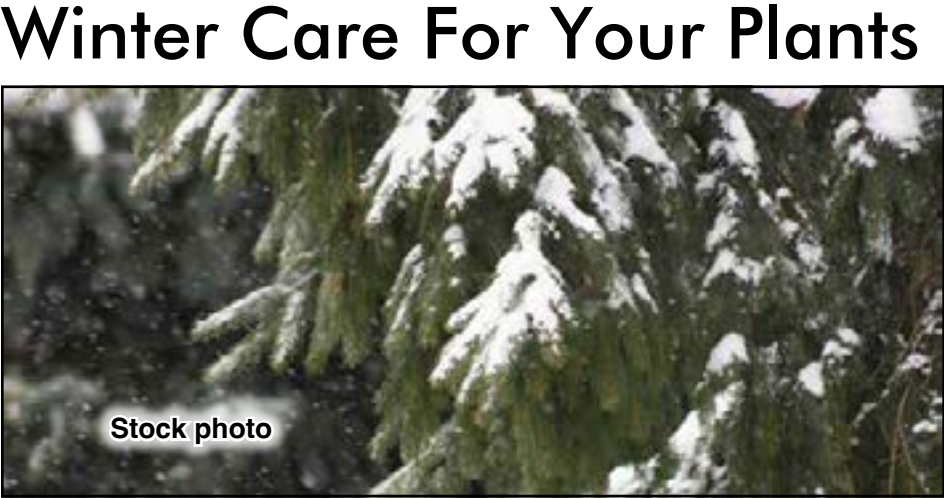
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**Submitted by Andrew Kuester**

Temperatures are getting colder; soon we are likely to experience a killing frost. I generally consider that to be a cold snap below 28°F. When that happens things start to go to bed for the winter months. We often receive many inquiries this time of year with regard to specific questions on how to prepare perennial plants such as trees, shrubs, and other flowers for winter here in ND and eastern MT.

The big one we usually remind folks of is consistent water. Although some years there is an overabundance of moisture available we must make sure that we continue to provide that as the days go on. This should occur of course on an “as needed” basis.

Often we receive a reprieve of winter temps during the months of November and December. When that happens we often do not receive any rains or snows that contribute to fall moisture and the ground can become fairly dry before or as it begins to harden for winter. This can be extremely dangerous for all perennial plants in our climate.

The reason for that danger is as follows.

Moist soil insulates against the cold whereas dry soil does not. This can cause several issues for plants but I will outline two primary problems. Firstly, when plants store their energy in their root systems, they store, at a level that seldom reaches freezing temps. When the soil is dry and the cold can move down further than normal it can become challenging for those plants. Secondly, the dry soil does not hold temperature in the way that wet soil does. This problem becomes particularly critical in the spring of the year. When we start to see warmer temps in April, the soil begins to warm up with the heat of the sun. If the soil is dry it warms up much quicker than if it were insulated and remained cold by water and ice. When this happens many plants become tricked into thinking it is time to wake up for the year when they really should “stay in bed” for another few weeks. This can subject them to spring frosts that can be damaging to young buds or flowers. Take care to be sure that plants receive appropriate amounts of moisture up until the ground begins to freeze.

Other perennial plants such as perennial grasses, peonies, daylilies, etc., the foliage can be removed anytime after they have experienced a frost. They will not produce leaves from the leaves they grew this year. New growth will emerge from the roots in the spring. Cut the foliage down to at or near ground level.

Below I will outline some helpful tips for specific perennial plants.

**Care of Roses:**

Remember to allow roses to experience a killing frost of around 25°F. After this occurs you can cut the leaves and stems back to between 9 inches and one foot. Roses can and should be mulched to provide a layer of protection from the cold. Do not add any mulch until the air temps are seldom above freezing during the day. The addition of mulch too early can create a warm habitat under the mulch for mold and fungus to develop which can actually be more harmful than the cold. In general, you should wait to mulch anything until temps are barely above freezing during the day.

**Care of Evergreens:**

Some often contact us in the fall with concerns that their evergreens are dying because they have needles that are turning brown and falling off. This is a normal process for all evergreen plants. Even though they retain their needles all year, they do go through a period of time where they shed their third year and older needles. Often these needles have just gotten old, or they are in a location on the plant that no longer receives the appropriate light for them to be useful and so the plant sheds them. Again this is normal but usually occurs on the inside of the plant. If you see needles that are browning from the tips back towards the stem, that is a different issue. Winterburn is a common problem for evergreens in our climate, and especially to plants that are fairly young in age. We often do not receive the snow we need to protect them from the cold and so we can consider other methods of protection. Some wrap these plants in breathable material such as burlap. You can also apply a natural chemical product such as Wilt Stop or Wilt Pruf. These natural pine resin products help to coat the needles of the plant and protect against the cold. Watch the weather as it generally requires a nice 50°F day to be effective. I like to see this applied sometime in mid to late November as it has a chance of lasting through the coldest part of the winter. These chemical applications are good for approximately four months and an application in November helps them last until the end of February, after which time most of our bitter cold has passed.



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# Sidney Transplants Upgrade 1970s Model Home



The Swayne’s renovated living room with furniture from Johnson Hardware and Furniture, Sidney.



The Swayne’s new bathroom designed by B Home Design and installed by McGrady Construction.

**By Jaymi Mozeak**  
Franklin and Susan Swayne came to Sidney, from Colorado Springs, CO, in the summer of 2022. They bought their well-built, clean little house because it was so close to Susan’s new workplace, Sidney Health Center.  
With the guidance and work from McGrady Construction, the home was almost gutted in the interior,

opening the floor plan more than the original design from 1978. They had to remove walls, closets, and a doorway, all with a goal of more open concept and to give it more light. The basement laundry room was moved upstairs to the ground floor as part of the overall change to the flow of the home. The Swayne’s were very pleased with the work done and wish to thank the people who offered consultation such as Heidi MacGrady for design, Brenda Larson for cabinets and counters, Brandon and Curtis MacGrady for their wisdom on what made the best sense for design and functionality, Tink Bloom with electric, and Ryan Dempsey for mud work and so many others that worked on the plumbing, interior, and exterior renovations.  
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## 7th Annual Hay Bale Decorating Contest

Richland County 4-H and Reynolds Market are excited for the 7th Annual Hay Bale Contest! Why, you ask? It’s fun, entertaining for all, and pulls the community together during the beautiful Fall season.  
Join the community challenge; sign up your club, organization, businesses or family to decorate a hay bale display.

**Hay Bale Decorating Schedule**  
Signup Deadline: Friday, Sept. 27 - Any group, church or business that would like to participate in the contest or be willing to have a decorated hay bale at their business can contact Libby at Reynolds 406-433-2305 or message Reynolds Market, Sidney Facebook page. If your business would like a hay bale displayed in front of your business, please let us know.  
Set Up: Displays can be set up between Sept. 29-Oct. 8. Location placement will be determined by Sept. 28. Maps will be available one all displays are set up.  
Take Down: Displays MUST be taken down and area cleaned up by Satur-

day, Nov. 5.  
If you do not have a location placement, one will be provided for you and will be determined by Sept. 28 to each participating contact person needing a display area.  
Prizes sponsored by Reynolds Market for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded on Nov. 1. Voting ends Oct. 27. People’s Choice Award will be voted on by the public. Come down to Reynolds Market, Oct. 10-25 and vote for your favorite hay bale display.  
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# Sidney Transplants Upgrade...



Susan Swayne's craft room with a wall converted into built in storage and display area.



The Swayne's kitchen has special features designed by Creative Solutions, Sidney.

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On the exterior they added white vinyl window and vertical sage green siding with a front wainscot of rock. The front entry was extended out 2 ft. to be flush with the upper floor area of the split level. They got a new front door, matching garage door, new front step, and concrete sidewalk. In the kitchen, they removed the wall between it and the living room, added white cabinets, and an island with white quartz countertops. To round it off they installed recessed lights, pendants over the island, and a small chandelier in the entry way. In the living room they installed a gas fireplace with white rock from floor to ceiling, and built-in mantle. They

opened up the entry of the split-level and widened the hallway by about a foot. Two of the ground floor bathrooms were reworked into a guest quarter bath and a master bath with heated tile floors, a walk-in shower, and a dual sink vanity. They turned one of the bedrooms into an office for Franklin to work remotely and used the closet to enlarge the master bedroom's closet. The third upstairs bedroom they turned into a laundry room and pantry. They also redid the stair railing. In the basement, they removed the door at the base of the stairs and the wall between the living room and spare room. A full bathroom with a 6' soaker tub, shower, and dual sink vanity was placed where the old laundry room was with access to one of the

two basement bedrooms. They turned the old utility room into another bedroom, cleaned up the basement entry from the garage, and even added a little nook in one of the closets for their cats.

The Sawynes would like to thank MacGrady Construction, the contractors, Agri Industries for the electrical and plumbing, Frontier Heating and Cooling for the HVAC, and Sundance (Ryan Dempsey) for the taping and texturing. They would also like to thank Chuck Thiel of Quality Concrete for the concrete work, Heidi MacGrady of B Home and Design for the overall design and flooring, and Brenda Larson of Creative Solutions for the kitchen cabinets and countertops.

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